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Paul Morabito, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy, Board of Directors
c/o Tom Gandesbery, Project Director
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

February 13, 2004

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I am writing in full support of the University of California Natural Reserve System's application for a grant to acquire two parcels to fill part of an ownership gap in the Donald and Sylvia McLaughlin Natural Reserve.

The McLaughlin Reserve is an innovative conservation partnership involving industry (Homestake Mining Company of California), academia (the University of California Natural Reserve System) and local conservationists (the Land Trust of Napa County). The Reserve is a valuable resource for the State of California. It provides permanently protected sites for environment-based academic research and teaching in the natural sciences, arts, and humanities, and provides support facilities to those using the Reserve. The majority of Reserve users are students and faculty from many University of California and California State University campuses. The Reserve is also of regional significance. It is an important component and participant in a greater conservation effort known as the Blue Ridge-Berryessa Natural Area Conservation Partnership. This partnership between private landowners, public land managers, non-profit groups, and area residents has a mission to preserve the natural resources in a 600,000-acre landscape that spans Colusa, Yolo, Lake, Napa, and Solano Counties, and in which the Reserve is centrally located. Finally, the Reserve serves an important local function by providing public programs and science education for residents of all ages in nearby Napa and Lake Counties.

The proposed acquisition will greatly enhance the Reserve's effectiveness in providing secure research and teaching sites and will contribute to the efficacy of efforts to protect and manage its natural resources. In short, it will allow the Reserve to better fulfill its

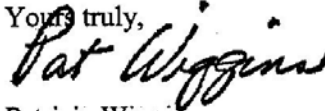
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important functions at the state, regional, and local levels. I therefore strongly endorse the McLaughlin Reserve's application to the Coastal Conservancy.

Thank you for your time in favorably considering this application at your meeting next month.

Yours truly,



Patricia Wiggins
Assemblymember, 7th District

cc: Paul Aigner, Reserve Co-Manager
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February 20, 2004

Chairman Paul Morabito
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I would like to express our support to the Coastal Conservancy for the \$150,000 grant to the University of California Natural Reserve System's (UCNRS) acquisition of 75 acres in Napa County. We see this acquisition as key toward the overall management and protection of serpentine habitats within the region known as the Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area (BRBNA). As a long standing partner with BLM, the University of California provides us with necessary research and oversight in locations where our knowledge and presence are lacking. In addition, having the 75 acres preserved within University of California's reserve system, further promotes the open space concepts of the BRBNA partnership. From BLM's perspective, this 75 acre acquisition by UCNRS is critical because it protects adjacent public lands from being trespassed, and it further protects and restores serpentine grassland habitat.

On behalf of BLM, I want to thank you for your time and consideration of this grant. If you have any questions with regard to our relationship with the UCNRS, our involvement with the BRBNA, or our support of this acquisition, feel free to direct them to me at the address above or e-mail me at rburns@ca.blm.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Burns".

Rich Burns
Field Manager

CC Paul Aigner
McLaughlin Reserve

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February 29, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy, Board of Directors
c/o Tom Gandesbery Project Director
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I am writing to express The Land Trust's support for the University of California Natural Reserve System's application for a grant to acquire two parcels to fill an ownership gap between two parts of the McLaughlin Reserve.

The McLaughlin Reserve is the result of an innovative partnership between The Land Trust of Napa County, the University of California Natural Reserve System, and Homestake Mining Co. of California. It serves as a model for cooperative land conservation between what might be traditionally perceived as disparate. The Land Trust was instrumental in permanently protecting the McLaughlin Reserve by negotiating a conservation easement for almost all of the land owned by Homestake Mining Co. Since the inception of the McLaughlin Mine in the late 1970s, Homestake environmental managers envisioned that the Mine would eventually become an environmental research station. We are close to fulfilling that dream. The development of the two parcels in question would threaten the integrity of the McLaughlin Reserve.

With the acquisition of Aikawa and Escobedo Properties, the McLaughlin Reserve has the opportunity to protect additional acreage with high ecological and conservation value, and to enhance the protection of existing Reserve lands. The acquisition will prevent the development of a road easement across the reserve, and prevent the construction of residences adjacent to the reserve. Such development would negatively affect the Reserve by introducing vehicle traffic, by providing a likely source and refuge for invasive species, and by diminishing the experience of remoteness that Reserve visitors currently enjoy.

The proposed acquisition is consistent with the Land Trust's mission to protect open space in Napa County, and will significantly improve upon a project in which The Land

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Trust has already invested significant resources. For this reason, I urge you to consider the UCNRS application favorably at your next meeting.

Best regards,



John Hoffmagle
Executive Director

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February 21, 2004

Coastal Conservancy Board
Attn: Paul Morabito, Chairman

Dear Mr. Morabito:

As private landowners of the Morgan Valley Ranch, (we), Randy and Marion Onstad, support the U.C. Davis-McLaughlin Reserve Co-Managers Paul Aigner and Cathy Koehler in a grant application to acquire the Aikawa and Escobido properties.

The acquisition of these two properties totaling 75 acres would ideally blend with the surrounding Reserve and BLM properties because of adobe, serpentine, non-serpentine and sandy loam soils that are populated by open meadow native grasses, oaks, buckbrush, toyon, cypress, etc., with minimal evidence of human intrusion. The fabric of these parcels is more conducive to research, education and public outreach than for residential use.

We have been private landowners in the area for many years and also have concerns that these parcels not be purchased for residential purposes because of the need for extensive roadways. The purchase price for these properties is well below market value based on recent land sales in the area.

Certain parcels of the Morgan Valley Ranch are adjacent to the U.C. Davis Reserve and could be included in a cooperative footpath hike, co-sponsored by the U.C. Davis Reserve and the Morgan Valley Ranch. Attached is a parcel map indicating potential non-motorized routes for interpretive hikes, that reflects a staging area for access to such routes.

Your consideration of the U.C. Davis-McLaughlin Reserve grant application would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Randy and Marion Onstad
Morgan Valley Ranch
26650 Morgan Valley Road
Lower Lake, CA 95457
(707) 995-6050

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